(c) whether Ministry is considering the gauge conversion of Dangori-Saikhuwa Section of N.F. Railway in Tinsukia district of Assam; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition, supply of boulders has been taken up. The work of approach road to bridge site on both North and South banks are in advanced stage of completion. Earthwork, minor and major bridges for Railway embankment has been taken up for North and South bank and also Moranhat-Dhamalgaon rail link. The strengthening and repair of flood dykes is in progress on South bank. An outlay of Rs. 60 crore has been provided for the project during 2003-04. The project is targeted for completion by April 2008.

(c) No. Sir. There is no rail line beyond Dangari.

(d) Does not arise.

Law to protect traditional knowledge and thought

*280. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to enact a *sui generis* law to protect its traditional knowledge and thought;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) The Government has constituted for this purpose, an Inter- Ministerial Committee on Protection of Rights of the holders of Indigenous Knowledge. Appropriate action will be taken after receipt of the report of the aforesaid committee.